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L. IN AN ARTICLE BY WONG SULONG DATED LINED KUALA LUMPUR
JANUARY 5, THIS MORNING'S FINANCIAL TIMES REPORTS THAT
MALAYSIA "IS INITIATING A COMPROMISE SOLUTION" IN AN
EFFORT TO PERSUADE BOLIVIA TO RATIFY THE 5TH INTER-
NATIONAL TIN AGREEMENT. ESSENCE OF COMPROMISE, WHICH
WILL BE SURFACED DURING PRESENT SESSION OF THE COUNCIL,
WILL BE TO GET "COUNCIL TO AGREE TO HIGHER FLOOR AND
CEILING PRICES AT COMING APRIL MEETING" IN ORDER TO
SATISFY BOLIVIA. ARTICLE ALSO SAYS MALAYSIA WILL
PROPOSE THAT EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN LAI AND THE PRODUCER
DELEGATION SHOULD VISIT LA PAZ TO PERSUADE BOLIVIAN
GOVERNMENT TO CHANGE ITS DECISION.

2. NEWS STORY CONCLUDES AS FOLLOWS:
"THERE IS A STRONG FEELING AMONG MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS AND MINERS THAT THE U.S. MAY BE TRYING TO
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WRECK THE AGREEMENT.
THIS FEELING AROSE OUT OF THE U.S. STRONG OPPOSITION TO
PRICE INCREASES AT LAST MONTH'S ITC MEETING. IT IS
/ CLAIMED THE BOLIVIAN DELEGATION HAD ACCEPTED THE DUTCH
COMPROMISE PROPOSAL OF \$M1,100 TO \$M1,350 FOR THE NEW
PRICE LEVEL, BUT THE U.S., JAPAN AND GERMANY REFUSED TO
ACCEPT THIS, LEADING TO THE BOLIVIAN WALKOUT AT THE

MEETING".

3. WE HAVE NOT YET ATTEMPTED TO CONFIRM STORY LOCALLY
WITH MALAYSIAN REP.

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